

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

HONORABLE MARY S. SCRIVEN

CASE NO: 8:08-cr-00172-MSS-EAJ		DATE: January 19, 2012	
TITLE: USA v. Paul Robert Gunter and Simon Andrew Odoni			
TIME: 2:00-2:30 PM		TOTAL: 30 minutes	
Courtroom Deputy: Anaida Vizza		Interpreter: n/a	
Court Reporter: Claudia Spangler-Fry			
Counsel for Plaintiff: AUSA Kelley Clement Howard-Allen and Rachelle DesVaux Bedke			
Counsel for Defendants: Neil G. Taylor, Susan W. Van Dusen, Jarvis Wise and Bjorn Brunvand			

PROCEEDINGS OF TELEPHONIC HEARING ON MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

• The matter before this Court is Defendant Odoni's Motion to Continue Jury Trial (Doc. 577). Case is set for jury trial to commence on January 30, 2012. Stephen Crawford was recently allowed to withdraw and Bjorn Brunvand was appointed on 1/18/2012. A trial continuance is requested to allow time for new counsel to get up to speed as to the particulars of this case; the Government does not oppose. Counsel for Gunter opposes the continuance and requests that Defendant Odoni be severed. Government opposes severance. The Court GRANTS the motion to continue, a status conference to be set by separate notice/order sometime in February 2012. Government's Motion In Limine as to Anticipated Testimony of Defense Experts (Doc. 561) is DENIED without prejudice; Government may reassert the motion as the case gets closer to trial. Counsel for Gunter received a letter from the Government regarding a witness from the UK; parties are to work it out, if unable to, an appropriate motion may be filed. The Government has law enforcement witnesses in the U.K. that are not available during the months of July and August 2012, due to the Summer Olympics, also local law enforcement witnesses will not be available the end of August due to the Republican National Convention. It is brought to the Court's attention that Mr. Brunvand represented a Government witness back in the Spring of 2008 which may present a conflict. Mr. Brunvand informs the Court that he talked to Mr. Odoni and he does not take issue with this. Mr. Brunvand has also called his former client and is waiting to hear back. Mr. Brunvand will let the Court now as soon as possible if there is an issue. The Court may be inclined to have the Magistrate Judge hold a conflict free hearing. Court is adjourned.